

July 30, 2019

Jocelyn Boyd  
 Executive Director  
 South Carolina Public Service Commission  
 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: American Broadband and Telecommunications Company Annual ETC  
 Compliance Report; Docket No. 2015-94-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

American Broadband and Telecommunications Company ("American Broadband") has been designated by the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for provision of wireless Lifeline services.<sup>1</sup> American Broadband, through its counsel, hereby submits, pursuant to R. 103-690.1, its Annual Report for Designated Eligible Telecommunications Carriers with respect to Lifeline services in South Carolina. A copy of this Report has also been submitted to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

**R. 103-690.1(b)(3). Unfulfilled Service Requests.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband had 0 unfulfilled service requests in South Carolina in 2018.

**R. 103-690.1(b)(4). Complaints or Trouble Reports per 1000 Handsets or Access Lines.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband received 0 complaints and 0 trouble reports in 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of American Broadband and Telecommunications Company for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Purpose of Offering Lifeline Service on a Wireless Basis*, Docket No. 2015-94-C, Order Designating American Broadband and Telecommunications Company as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the Provision of Lifeline Service, Order No. 2015-648 (June 30, 2015).

**R. 103-690.1(b)(5). Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband hereby certifies that it complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules, as designated by the Commission.

**R. 103-690(b)(6). Ability to Function in Emergency Situations.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband's Lifeline services remain functional in emergency situations. American Broadband utilizes the extensive and well-established Sprint and T-Mobile networks and facilities to provide American Broadband's mobile services. The Sprint and T-Mobile networks are capable of managing traffic spikes that may occur during emergency situations and can reroute traffic in the event of damaged facilities. American Broadband also understands that each carrier has sufficient back-up power to ensure functionality if its external power supply is unavailable. Indeed, both companies have repeatedly certified to the FCC that their networks function in emergency situations. Sprint and T-Mobile provide the same functionality to American Broadband and American Broadband's customers as these carriers provide to themselves and their own customers.

**R. 103-690(b)(7). Non-Incumbent LEC Local Usage Plans.**

**RESPONSE:** This section does not apply to American Broadband because American Broadband is a wireless ETC.

**R. 103-690(b)(8). Equal Access to Long Distance Carriers.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband hereby acknowledges that the Federal Communications Commission may require it to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the service area.

**R. 103-690(b)(9). Number of Lifeline Customers.**

**RESPONSE:** As of December 31, 2018, American Broadband provided wireless Lifeline service to 319 customers in South Carolina.

**R. 103-690(b)(10). Lifeline Verification Survey or Certification.**

**RESPONSE:** American Broadband attaches hereto a copy of its Lifeline Verification Survey (FCC Form 555) that was provided to the Universal Service Administrative Company in January 2018.

Finally, American Broadband hereby certifies that it complies with CTIA's Code for Wireless Service.

Please contact the undersigned at (419) 824-5810 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Ansted". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and "A".

Jeffrey S. Ansted, President